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FROM: Chip Ziegler

DATE: July 25, 2000

Executive Vice President

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MESSAGE:

Dear Wayne,

I hope that my letter of yesterday has arrived. Unfortunately, after discussing it with Stan Wagner and Stephanie McKeachnie it seems that I read your letter incorrectly. Please use this fax as our written acceptance of the terms of your conditional approval for our mining at the Independent 2 (I-2) vein.

The surety bonds should now be in your possession, and I have been assured that the outstanding information will be delivered to you by the August 30, 2000 deadline.

I am currently out of the office, and am without letterhead. If this document will suffice, it can be mailed to you, or I can generate a more official letter when I return on Monday.

We are anxious to begin work at the I-2 vein. Please get back to Stan Wagner, or Gayle McKeachnie's office as to your decision as soon as possible.

Thank you for all of your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

ZIEGLER CHEMICAL & MINERAL CORPORATION

Chip Ziegler

Executive Vice President

cc: G. McKeachnie, G.S. Ziegler, Jr., W.J. Hyland, S. Wagner